

In the claims:

Please add new claim 67, as follows:

67. (New) A hybrid polyketide synthase (PKS) gene comprising a first nucleic acid portion encoding multiple domains of a first Type I PKS comprising at least a loading module lacking a ketosynthase (KS) activity, and at least one second nucleic acid portion encoding at least one Type I PKS domain which is heterologous to said first Type I PKS.

REMARKS

The claim presented by this amendment is directed to a particular aspect of the applicants' invention, which is described in the present specification at page 6, lines 15 through page 7, line 13. Further support is provided by original claim 1.

Entry of this new claim is hereby requested. No new matter is introduced into this application by reason of the present amendment.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is again respectfully requested.

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